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- 1. DURING MY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SIAD APRIL 12, HE VOICED GREAT ANNOYANCE AND CONSIDERABLE SCORN REGARDING TIMES STORY. HE SAID IT CARRIED MANY EXAGGERATIONS AND INACCURACIES -- ALL OF WHICH USG MUST BE AWARE OF.
- 2. CITING THE RECENT LE MONDE ARTICLE ABOUT SAM MISSILES IN NORTHERN SOMALIA AND A SOMEWHAT SIMILAR ARTICLE THAT HAD RECENTLY APPEARED IN NAIROBI, SIAD SAID IT SEEMED AS IF AN INTERNATIONAL PRESS CAMPAIGN HAD BEEN LAUNCHED AGAINST SOMALIA. HE WONDERED WHO WAS BEHIND IT AND WHAT THEIR MOTIVES WERE.
- 3. SIAD SAID THAT SOMALIA WAS INTERESTED IN PEACE AND IMPROVEMENT OF ITS RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS AND SUCH TENDENTIOUS STORIES WERE MOST HARMFUL.
- 4. ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR TELLS ME SIAD RAISED TIMES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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